CFC overseas fund begins

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The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas Fund, part of the largest public sector fund-raising drive in the world, began this year's drive Oct. 1, and is running through Nov. 16.

During the campaign season, donors can designate contributions to a variety of American and in-

ternational charities through the CFC-O.

"Last year, U.S. military members and federal employees generously raised over \$9.8 million overseas," said Renee Acosta, president of the campaign management organization for the CFC-O. "This year we know their dedication to this worthwhile fund-raising effort will be even more inspiring."

"With over 1,300 different

charitable organizations to choose from, people have the choice to designate where and what their money is going to be used for," said Staff Sgt. Tammy Bean, CFC-O base representative. "It is important that everybody is contacted and informed so we can maximize Rhein-Main's humanitarian potential."

Due to the tragic events of Sept. 11, the

CFC is providing opportunities to contribute outside of its normal listing. Those who wish to donate to national/local disaster relief efforts can choose from various organizations (listed in the table on page 3).

Contributors also have the option of seeing their money being put to use at home by donating to local family support and youth activity programs. CFC-O funds are a vital source of revenue for these programs, and enable overseas installations to provide

free or reduced-cost programs.

"Local programs such as youth sports, field trips, and the family services fund are able to continue and improve on the services they provide because of donations they receive," said Bean.

Donors interested in contributing to their local programs can enter "FSYP" in the "Four-Digit Agency Code" section of their pledge card.

Bean said that a goal of \$40,000 had been set for

Rhein-Main.

Last year the Rhein-Main community contributed roughly \$38,000 toward the fund.

People who have not been contacted about the fund should get in touch with their CFC representative for information on how to contribute, or visit the CFC-O website at www.cfcoverseas.org.

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